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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled

> "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:
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> "(a) Women in development;
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> "(b) Human resources development;
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> "(c) International migration and development;
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> "(d) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on sub-items (a), (b) and (c) at its 9th and 10th meetings, on 14 October 2003, and on sub-item (d) at its 11th meeting, on 15 October. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/58/SR.9-11). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 6 to 9 October (see A/C.2/58/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in addenda to the present report, as follows:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in six parts, under the symbol A/58/483 and Add.1-5.

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 10 June 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the heads of State of the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, signed in Moscow on 29 May 2003 (A/58/94-S/2003/642)

Letter dated 9 July 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a joint statement issued at Almaty on 5 July 2003 by the heads of State of the members of the Central Asian Cooperation Organization (A/58/131-S/2003/703)

Letter dated 1 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the ministerial declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China at their twenty-seventh annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 25 September 2003 (A/58/413)

Letter dated 3 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué of the annual coordination meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held at United Nations Headquarters on 30 September 2003 (A/58/415-S/2003/952)

(a) Women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on the empowerment of women and integration of gender perspectives in the promotion of economic growth, poverty eradication and sustainable development (A/58/135)

(b) Human resources development

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/348)

(c) International migration and development

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/98)

(d) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards and challenges and constraints to the achievement of the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the past decade (A/58/327)

Letter dated 14 July 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué adopted by the Chairmen/Coordinators of the Chapters of the Group of 77 at their thirty-fourth meeting, held at Geneva on 26 and 27 June 2003 (A/58/204)

4. At the 9th meeting, on 14 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-items (a), (b) and (c), respectively (see A/C.2/58/SR.9).

5. Also at the 9th meeting, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made a statement (see A/C.2/58/SR.9).

6. At the 11th meeting, on 15 October, the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement under sub-item (d) (see A/C.2/58/SR.11).